**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot say what the exact date is on which the investigation has been done.

**MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR** (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know in which year it was done?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Last year.

*Pay of Munsiffs and Second Judges.*

18. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the pay of Munsiffs and Second Judges under the Standardisation Scheme; and

(*b*) their pay before that scheme was introduced?

**RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*). The member is referred to page 77 of the Civil List corrected up to 1st Chingam 1111 and 1st Kumbham 1110, respectively.

**MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR** (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether any representation has been made by the High Court to exclude the Munsiffs and Second Judges from the Standardisation G. O.?

**RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Government have received a letter from the High Court.

**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the Standardisation Scheme has created a lot of discontent among the subordinate officers in the public service and that has injuriously affected the morale of the public service?

**RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Governmen*): It is a matter of opinion.

**PRESIDENT**: It does not arise from this question.

*Accounts of the Trivandrum-Shencotta Railway.*

19. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they send any of their auditors periodically to the Office of the Government Examiner of Accounts of the Government of India to go through the accounts of the Trivandrum-Shencotta Railway and bring to the notice of the Government Examiner any discrepancy or error in such accounts; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the States like Mysore, Baroda, etc., are, under arrangements with the Government of India, sending such auditors for the scrutiny of the accounts of their State Railways under the management of such Companies?

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**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMY AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether any arrangement has been made to help the Government Examiner of Accounts of India to find discrepancies and errors in the Railway accounts?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): A reference has been made to the Government of India. The Government of India has been approached on the subject.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the matter is still unsettled?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, it is still unsettled.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know when the Government of India was addressed on the subject?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): We addressed the Agent to the Governer-General.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know the date?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): July 1936.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason or reasons for the delay in having approached the Government of India for this purpose?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is no provision in the original agreement for the audit of these accounts.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any new agreement has been executed?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the Travancore Government had not addressed earlier the Government of India on the subject through the A. G. G.

**PRESIDENT**: The honourable member must have heard the Financial Secretary's answer that there is no provision in the old agreement for an audit.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Now the member has stated that the Travancore Government had addressed recently the Government of India and at the same time Government admit that the agreement has not been renewed. Therefore may I know why the matter was delayed?

**RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The question cropped up only recently.

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